



Oakville School

December 2022

Welcome December!

December is such a busy month at school with so many things happening in a short period of time before we break for the holidays. Reports cards (end of November), our Christmas concert, holiday celebrations and activities and continuing learning will all be packed into a short school month. We encourage families read through their child's report card carefully with their child and celebrate the many accomplishments and learning successes that have been achieved. It is also a good time to talk about challenges and to think about and set goals for the next term based on the feedback that their teacher has given them. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher should you have questions, comments or concerns. Please also feel welcome to contact your child's teacher to share your pride and joy in your child's successes this term. **Be sure to call the office to sign-up for the Student-Involved Conferences January 12&13/23 now.**

Congratulations to our volleyball teams for capturing the divisional volleyball championship at the end of November. A huge thank you to coaches: Mrs. Sawchuk, Ms. Hodges and Mr. Pynn. A huge thank you also goes out to our scorekeepers: Daniel, Wilfred, Brayden and Charli and our officials: Mr. Scott and Mr. Banfield. Bravo OVS!

The holiday season can be a happy and relaxing time for many. It can also be a hard and stressful time for many too. Please try and take time this holiday season to slow down, spend time with your loved ones, see the joy and peace in the little things around you and look forward to new and exciting times. From all of us at OVS, we wish everyone a happy and peaceful holiday season. Merry Christmas!

Dates to Remember!

December 9— PAC Pancake Lunch

December 10—Oakville Santa Parade (watch for our float)

December 13—Christmas Concert (1:00 & 6:30)

December: 21- Last day of classes before Christmas break

December: 22-January 4/23: Christmas break

January: 5- Classes resume

January 12 (5:00-7:30) Student-Involved Conferences

January 13 (10:00-1:00) Student-Involved



FROM THE LIBRARY



A Little Elf Humour

What do Santa's little helpers like to eat on a cold day at the North Pole?
Elf-abet Soup!

What music do Santa's elves like best?
Wrap Music!

What do you call a greedy elf?
Elfish!

How do you help someone who has lost their Christmas Spirit?
Nurse them back to elf!

Why did the elves ask the turkey to join the band?
Because he had the drum sticks!

Find these and more at
<https://www.rd.com/list/christmas-jokes-for-kids/>



School Bus Updates



Winter Attire

When students are riding a bus either to travel to or from school or on an extracurricular trip, they must be dressed appropriately for the weather. For students that are not dressed appropriately, the parent will be contacted by the school and the parent will have to pick-up the student after school. It is for safety reasons that all students need to be dressed appropriately.

Morning Pick Ups

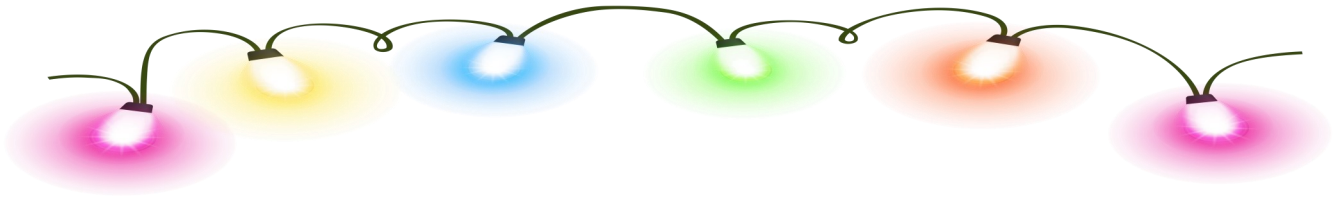
Please ensure that your children are out at the bus stop a few minutes before pick up time so that they are ready to board at pick up time. If you are unsure of your pick-up time please confirm with your bus driver or call the office. Students waiting in their house until the bus arrives adds time to the route, which makes the bus late, and down the line students end up waiting outside during inclement weather.

Bus Status Updates

The School Division Website has a great school bus feature. On the home page you will notice a little green school bus in the header. Green means all buses are running on time. Yellow means one or more buses have been delayed. Red means one or more buses have been cancelled. If you click on the bus you will have a list of buses with the yellows and reds at the top of the list in numerical order.

We also update Facebook (PLPSD Transportation Department) and Twitter (PLPSD_Transportation) when buses are running late or cancelled. Please follow us.

In the near future we will have a text, phone call, e-mail option for updating parents on bus status. If you get a text saying it is from the Portage School Division and to reply YES to continue to receive notifications, please know that it is not a scam and you need to reply YES. If you do not reply YES then you will not receive future text notifications of your children's' bus status.



QUEBEC TRIP



The deadline to register for the Quebec Trip will be on December 2nd.

OVS CLOTHING

Clothing Orders

Clothing orders can be made at any time throughout the school year. You can access the order form through the email that was sent home or email the school for a copy rita.zacharias@plpsd.net



Hamper Collection

We are happy to accept donation items for the Christmas Hampers this year (non-perishable food items, new games/toys, etc.). Donations can be made until Monday, Dec. 19th. Hampers will be delivered to families within our community.



VOLLEYBALL NEWS

The gr 7/8 girls and boys volleyball teams had a great season this year. While small in numbers they were big in heart and showed hard work, positivity and their connection as a team by pulling together through illness and injury to win both the division tournament and the league championship!! We are very proud of our little teams.

Mrs. Sawchuk, Ms. Hodges & Mr. Pynn

